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**Date:** November 26, 2019

Dear Interested Party:

The Forest Service is initiating an environmental analysis for the East Branch Tionesta Creek Vegetation Management project on the Marienville Ranger District of the Allegheny National Forest. We are proposing to manage the project area to achieve a diversity of forest trees, a healthy and resilient ecosystem, and diminish the risks and consequences of forest health threats. Please see the attached proposal for more details. You are receiving this letter because you have expressed interest in projects on the Allegheny National Forest or you have property near or adjacent to the project area. This information is also available from the Allegheny National Forest website at:  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57175>.

I am interested in hearing your concerns, issues, or suggestions regarding this project. Please review the proposal and respond with site-specific comments about the proposed activities along with supporting information and rationale that you believe will help identify issues that need to be addressed. I will consider all your comments and determine whether we need to refine the proposed action or develop alternate ways to accomplish our objectives.

This project is subject to pre-decisional objection pursuant to subparts A and B of 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 218. This comment period serves as the scoping period for the project and as one of the two planned designated periods for public comment that will provide opportunity for eligibility for objection. For your scoping comments to be most useful, please submit them by December 27, 2019. Any comments submitted should meet the requirements identified in 36 CFR 218. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this project. There will be a second formally designated public comment period later for receiving comments on the East Branch Tionesta Creek Environmental Assessment, during which you can also establish the eligibility to object.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments will be considered. Comments received, including names and addresses of those who submitted comments, will be considered as part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.

- **Mail:** Robert T. Fallon, District Ranger, Marienville Ranger District, 131 Smokey Lane, Marienville, PA 16239
- **Fax:** (814) 927-2285
- **Email:** [comments-eastern-allegheny-marienville@usda.gov](mailto:comments-eastern-allegheny-marienville@usda.gov). Electronic comments must be submitted in plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), portable document format (.pdf) Word (.doc or .docx), or any other format supported by Microsoft Office applications. Please enter the project name (*East Branch Tionesta Creek project*) on the subject line and include your name and physical mailing address with your comments.
- **Hand-delivered and verbal comments** may be submitted at the Marienville Ranger District, 131 Smokey Lane, Marienville, PA 16239 or by calling (814) 927-5700 during normal business



hours. Normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Thank you for your interest in the Allegheny National Forest. Questions regarding this project can be directed to Kevin Treese at (814) 927-5759 or [kevin.treese@usda.gov](mailto:kevin.treese@usda.gov). I look forward to having you engaged in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Fallon", is written over a faint, stylized outline of a mountain or umbrella shape.

ROB FALLON  
District Ranger